

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR THE WARD OF COTES WAS
HELD AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR.&MRS. M.J.P.URWIN ON
MONDAY, 2ND. APRIL, 1979, AT 8-0 P.M.

- Present. Mr.C.A.Betts, Chairman, Mr.M.J.P.Urwin, Charnwood
Borough Councillor B.Scarlett, and six local
government electors.
- Apology. An apology for non-attendance was received from County
Councillor E.Lodge.
- Minutes. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on
19th.May,1978, were read by the Clerk, confirmed by the
meeting as being a true record, and were signed by the
Chairman.
- Matters
arising. Bus Passenger Shelter.
Difficulties had arisen through passengers waiting in
the Shelter being unable to see buses approaching from
the direction of Hoton.
A request was made from the meeting for a window to be
fitted in the end of the Shelter to overcome this problem.
The Chairman agreed to take this up with the Council.
- Junction, Ratcliffe Road, Nottingham Road, Loughborough.
Long queues of traffic were still forming at this junction.
Mr.Scarlett reported that the Borough of Charnwood is
still pressing for improvement to alleviate this problem.
- Chairman's
Report. Reporting on the proposed Gypsum mining in the area, the
Chairman stated that a Public Inquiry had now been called.
If a decision is reached for the mining to go ahead, the
Chairman hoped that this would be done as unobtrusively
as possible.
Speaking on the County Transportation Plans, the Chairman
reported that the Cotes By-pass has now been taken out
of future plans. However it is hoped that some
improvement will be made at the junction of Ratcliffe
Road and Nottingham Road, Loughborough.
Speaking on the proposed coal mining in the Vale of
Belvoir, the Chairman reported that the chief concern
of the Parish Council was again the increased volume of
heavy traffic on the roads in the district, which would
undoubtedly occur, particularly in the initial stages
during the construction of the three pitheads.
The views of the Council had been made known to the
Department of the Environment.
- A.M.E.

Reporting on Wymeswold Airfield, and in particular the ex R.A.F. buildings now occupied by Hunting Plastics Ltd., the Chairman informed the meeting that it was the wish of the Borough of Charnwood for this firm to be re-housed in new buildings adjacent to the Wymeswold Lane. Hunting Plastics however did not wish to do this, and would prefer to remain ⁱⁿ the existing buildings, or alternatively be re-housed in new buildings located on the same site. Hunting Plastics are making an Appeal against the Borough of Charnwood's refusal for the erection of Industrial Buildings on the existing site.

The Chairman referred to the Appeal made by the Leicester Model Aircraft Club which had been upheld by the Department of the Environment and Transport, thus enabling the Club to fly their model aircraft until 9-0 p.m. on Sundays.

The Parish Council had written to the Department expressing its dismay at this decision.

The Chairman re-affirmed the Parish Council's wish for the Wymeswold Airfield to be returned to full agricultural use, but at the same time not wishing to create any restrictions on the labour force now employed in the buildings at the Eastern side of the Airfield,

Reporting on local bus fares, the Parish Council together with those of Hoton and Wymeswold were represented at a public hearing at Nottingham, appealing against the increase in fares requested by the Trent Motor Traction Company.

The representation was ably carried out by Mr. John Clark, Barrister, who is Secretary of the National Association of Parish Councils. Regretfully the Appeal failed, the Burton Council did however, make a specific request for the County Council to exercise its duty to rationalize the transport organisation in the area.

Field Footpaths.

During the year the County Council published the revised Rights of Way. These had been studied by both the Parish Council and the Wolds Footpath Group and agreed upon.

Ministry Land, Burton-on-the-Wolds.

A small piece of land adjacent to the Playing Field

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and the ex R.A.F. Officers Quarters, Barrow Road, Burton, is now surplus to the Ministry of Defence requirements. The Borough of Charnwood is negotiating its purchase on behalf of the Parish Council.

Report by
Councillor
B. Scarlett.

In addition to confirming the report given by the Chairman concerning the Appeal being made by Hunting Plastics Ltd., Councillor Scarlett reported on the extension of the Leisure Centre at Loughborough, and the link road connecting the Ashby Road and Forest Road. Councillor Scarlett also reported on the extensive survey being carried out by the Severn-Trent Water Authority in the Soar Valley in order to decrease the flooding problems in this area.

Reporting on behalf of County Councillor E. Lodge, Councillor Scarlett informed the meeting that the Health Centre at Barrow-upon-Soar is now being built, and that the Hearing by the Minister of State for the proposed Gypsum Mining has been fixed.

This concluded the reports by Councillors B. Scarlett and E. Lodge.

It was the unanimous wish of the meeting that a letter be sent to Mr. Lodge wishing him a speedy recovery following his recent stay in hospital.

There was no further business, and before closing the meeting at 9-0 p.m., the Chairman thanked Mr. & Mrs. Urwin for allowing the meeting to be held in their house.

A. M. Evans
Chairman
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THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE WARD OF PRESTWOLD WAS HELD
IN THE HOTTON VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY, 15TH.MARCH,1979,
AT 8-0 P.M.

- Present. Mr.C.A.Betts, Chairman, Mr.T.E.W.Sleath, County Councillor E.Lodge, and seven local government electors.
- Apology. An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr.B.Scarlett whose absence was due to an unfortunate car accident, and it was the wish of the meeting that a letter be sent to him wishing him a speedy recovery.
- Minutes. The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 9th.May,1978, were read by the Clerk, confirmed by the meeting as being a true record, and were signed by the Chairman.
- Matters arising. Surface water on the road near to the Prestwold Woodyard.
Mr.Lodge reported that this had been inspected by the County Council Highways Department, and they had accepted responsibility to remedy the problem.
- Continuation of footpath kerbing at Prestwold.
Mr.Lodge stated that this had also been inspected, and in order to continue the kerbing as requested, it would involve the raising of the footpath above the front gardens of the adjacent houses, and would incur an expenditure of several thousand pounds.
Due to the restrictions on expenditure for this type of work, it was not possible for this to be done at the present time. It would however, be borne in mind for some future programming.
- Chairman's report. Reporting on the proposed Gypsum mining in the area, the Chairman stated that a Public Inquiry had now been called. If a decision is reached for the mining to go ahead, the Chairman hoped that this would be done as unobtrusively as possible.
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Speaking on the County Transportation Plans, the Chairman reported that the Cotes By-pass has now been taken out of future plans. However, it was hoped that some improvement will be made at the junction of Ratcliffe Road and Nottingham Road, Loughborough, in order to reduce the tail-back of traffic during the morning and evening peak periods.
Speaking on the proposed coal mining in the Vale of

Belvoir, the Chairman reported that the chief concern of the Parish Council was again the increased traffic on the roads in the district which would undoubtedly occur, particularly in the initial stages of the construction of the three pitheads.

The Council's views had been made known to the Department of the Environment.

Reporting on the Wymeswold Airfield, and in particular the ex R.A.F. buildings now occupied by Hunting Plastics Ltd., the Chairman informed the meeting that it was the wish of the Borough of Charnwood for this firm to be re-housed in new buildings adjacent to the Wymeswold Lane.

Hunting Plastics however, did not wish to do this, and would prefer to remain in the existing buildings, or alternatively, be re-housed in new buildings located on the same site.

Hunting Plastics are making an Appeal against the Borough of Charnwood's refusal for the erection of Industrial Buildings on the existing site.

Bus Stop sign
B676.

The Chairman reported that a request had been made to Bartons Transport Ltd. for a Bus Stop sign to be erected at the Home Farm Prestwold, and against the entrance to Back Lane Cotes. The Company had agreed to do this when Bus Stop signs were available.

Report by
County
Councillor
E.Lodge.

Mr.Lodge gave a comprehensive report which included details of the meetings and discussions which had taken place in the district concerning the proposed Gypsum Mining. This was a very emotive subject in the Parish of Barrow-upon-Soar.

Mr.Lodge also reported that the Health Centre at Barrow-upon-Soar was in the process of being built, and it was hoped that the building would be completed by the end of the year.

The broken Prestwold nameplate had been noted, and it will be replaced.

Mr.Lodge concluded by thanking Mr.Packe-Drury-Lowe for the excellent work that had been carried out in cutting back the overhanging trees on the Loughborough Road, Burton.

Any other
business.

Tree Planting.

Mr.Packe-Drury-Lowe stated that he was willing to co-operate with both the County Council and the

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Borough Council in their tree planting schemes.

He would be agreeable for trees to be planted in hedgerows of his land bordering on the highways.

Mr. Packe-Drury-Lowe also stated that he would make land available free of charge to enable small road improvements to be carried out.

Safety Barrier.

Concern was expressed at the danger to the Woodside Cottage on the bend at Prestwold due to the fast moving traffic, and a request was made for some form of protective barrier to be erected against this cottage.

This concluded the business, and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9-0 p.m.

A. M. Evans
(Chairman)
8/5/80